IFW

PE 03500.017994.

PATENT APPLICATION

0 5000 R	IN THE UNITED STATES PATE	NT A	AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		
Application of:)	E T Allers N		
TADAHIKO HIRAI)	Examiner: Trail, Allyson N.		
Application No.: 10/538,037		;)	Group Art Unit: 2876		
Filed: June 8, 2005)			
	JNAUTHORIZED ACCESS PREVENTION PERIOD	;) :	August 9, 2006		

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents are (4) to (6) are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,495,098
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0109264
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0125637
- (4) JP 7-110876
- (5) EP 0 297 209
- (6) GB 2 288 048

Documents (5) and (6) were cited during prosecution of an International patent application corresponding to the above U.S. Application. Copies of the International Search Report, International Preliminary Report On Patentability and Written Opinion are enclosed.

An English-language abstract accompanies document (4). It is also noted that document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (4). In addition, document (4) is discussed in the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein. The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (4) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract, the English-language counterpart and the discussion in the specification. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Applicant Registration No.: 56,687

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO 30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3800
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)			ATTY DOCKET NO. 03500.017994.	APPLICATION NO. 10/538,037						
			TADAHIKO HIRAI	TADAHIKO HIRAL /O &\						
			FILING DATE June 8, 2005 AUG 1 0 7000	# 2	876					
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS *EXAMINER DOCUMENT FILING DATE										
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE				
	5,495,098	02/1996	Pailles et al.	235	492					
	2006/0109264	05/2006	Hirai et al.	345	204	·				
	2006/0125637	06/2006	Hirai et al.	340	572.3					
				<u> </u>						
				 		_ ·				
						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
				<u> </u>						
				<u> </u>						
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS										
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT				
	7-110876	04/1995	Japan			Abstract				
	0 297 209	01/1989	Europe							
	2 288 048	10/1995	Great Britain							
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)										
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED										

Sheet 1 of 1

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.